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# The Beacon

January 27, 2010

PO Box 310  
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Look Inside and . . .

**CATCH the  
VISION**

*Here is Just a Little of What is Coming Up . . .*

**January 31**

*5th Sunday ~Evening service will be "The Celebration of Praise," if you would like to sing, please contact Doug as soon as possible.*

**February 2**

*Christian Women's Job Corps begins their Spring Session!*

**February 7**

*Will be a "busy" day... Be sure and check inside ... you don't want to miss any events going on this day!*

**February 14**

*The 3/4 Grade Sunday School Class will be having a "Bake Sale" after Morning Worship Service. The monies raised will be to buy Bibles for the Sanctuary. Plan to buy some goodies and help this class reach their goal ~ while enjoying some great treats!*

*Join us at the evening service for the "Kick Off" of our new Sunday Evening Family Time! You don't want to miss this one!!*

## Dream Team Recommendations

*Where there is no vision, the people perish... Proverbs 29:18*

Praise the Lord! For the past year the Dream Team has met to study our church and its direction. On Sunday evening, January 17, the Dream Team presented the following as Long range goals for our church. The Goals were accepted by the church, and will now be given to the persons, committee, or team, who will then begin the process of helping the church reach this goal. The following are not intended to be absolutes, but attainable dreams. The teams or committees that are working on these goals will be asked to share with the church as the process progresses. Please make these things a matter of prayer, and consider how you can help.

### Within One Year

1. Sanctuary sign replaced and new digital sign (cost of approx. 24,000)  
Improve all signage for "user friendliness"
2. Revitalize a bus ministry (need drivers)
3. Begin a Sr. Adult ministry  
Create a Sr. Adult team to initiate
4. Hire 2 children's ministry interns for the summer of 2010 to help to carry on a ministry to children during the summer (approx cost \$4000-\$6000 plus providing housing).

### Within Two Years

1. Gym floor replaced
2. Have a Mother's Day Out program in place.
3. Office area replaced with a safer facility (approximate cost: \$120,000-\$200,000)

### Within Three Years

1. Replace Sound system in worship center (approx. cost \$30,000)

### Within Five Years

1. Reach an average attendance of 400

### Within Ten Years

1. Have a daycare program in Place(10 Years)

### General observations and recommendations

1. Increase visibility in the community
2. To be published in a paper once per month
3. Increase advertizing in yellow pages, etc (correct numbers, etc)
4. Use activities for outreach such as...  
(1)block party for the community, (2) church-wide ministry events (Bluebonnet festival), etc
5. Review methods for orienting visitors/new members (for example packets, etc)
6. Considerations for 2 services or new Worship Center contingent upon attendance
7. Organization expanded for in-reach and out-reach

### Things discussed but already accomplished

1. Remodeling of Sanctuary ✓
2. Facelift for the old Fellowship Hall ✓
3. Facelift for the Children's "KLUBhouse" (old youth room) ✓
4. Playground has been purchased, but rain has slowed the process. (Praise the Lord for the rain!) ✓
5. Develop a logo ✓

## Youth 2010 ~ A Look Ahead

by Matt Brown

Feb. 7	Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday Super Bowl Sunday—Youth vs. Adults Flag Football Game High School Super Bowl Party @ Chad & Annabel Nelson's home Middle School Super Bowl Party @ Andersons' home	April 9-11	Bluebonnet Festival Water Giveaway
Feb. 10-20	Sage Girl's Conference	June 14-18	VBS Recreation
Mar. 12-13	Hot Hearts @ Highland Lakes Encampment	June 20-25	Seek Week Camp @ Camp Chaparral, Iowa Park, Texas
Mar. 15-19	SPRING BREAK—TBD Mission work days and Six flags, Arlington	July	Mission Trip
April	DNow @ Rocky Creek Ranch	July 25-28	Fusion Week
April 2	Good Friday Service	July 29-30	Summer's Last Stand

### Notes of Thanks!

#### Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation and thanks for your many acts of love and concern in the passing of our brother, James Dickens.

*Aline Stanford & Chick Wood*

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant, for the wonderful luncheon and just for being such a wonderful Christian "Family" to us.

*Jane Richards*

We appreciated so much your expression of sympathy for the loss of our dad. The potted ivy is lovely; I'll enjoy trying to keep it alive.

Thank you for your concern and prayers during these difficult past few months.

*In His Love, Larry & Martha Firestone*

### Brainstorming Session

Interested in starting a new Baby Boomers/Senior Adult Ministry? Join us on Sunday, February 7, immediately after morning service, in the FLC.

**Get involved in making a difference!**

### Have plans for Super Bowl Fellowship on Sunday Evening, February 7?

Plan it so that you can invite friends. Let us know when and where so we can publish it in next Sunday's Bulletin.

### Don't Miss Sunday Evening, February 14!

**We will kick off our new Sunday Evening Family emphasis.**

All ages will meet together for the overview of what we will do, then join us for a fellowship time in the Family Life Center.

Bring your favorite finger foods!



## Youth 2010 Continued

by Matt Brown

It's an exciting time to be involved in youth ministry here at First Baptist. The fall was full of activity for our students and the spring appears to be just as full. With activity nights, conferences, spring break and DNow coming up, I am thrilled thinking about what God has in store for our students.

Our Ski trip was one of the best trip I have been on. We went to Santa Fe, NM and stayed at Glori-etta. The mountains were spectacular and our students did a great job of spending time together and including everyone. Thank you to all our sponsors and to everyone who donated food. I want to say a special word of thanks to Russell Garner, who was instrumental in helping plan this trip. Students, you all were awesome! I look forward to next year's trip.

Basketball season is in full swing. At Burnet High School and the middle school as well as here with Upward, we have students involved all over. If you have the chance, head out to a game at one of the schools or on Saturdays here in our gym. You will not be disappointed. Upward is going great and a blast to watch. It's a great way to spend a Saturday morning. With over 150 children involved, no matter what game you come to watch, you are almost guaranteed to see several children you know.

There are several upcoming events for our youth that need to be on your radar. I would greatly appreciate your prayers for these events. Without prayer, even the best events have no power to change lives. Feb 7<sup>th</sup> is Super Bowl Sunday with all its regular events and amenities. We will be taking up our Souper Bowl of Caring love offering for LaCare following morning worship. On Super Bowl Sunday, most of us will consume more snack food than we do in a week's time, yet there are people here in Burnet that can hardly afford to put food on the table. We are asking everyone to give \$2 to this offering. Our goal is \$700 and every dollar that is given will go to LaCare. At 2:00 that afternoon, we will have our annual youth versus adults game. Whether you play or not, we want to invite you to come out and play/watch and build fellowship and community between our youth and adults. That evening, our High School youth will have their Super Bowl watch party at Chad and Annabel Nelson's home (305 Shady Grove Pkwy) and the Middle School will be at the Andersons'. Feb 19-20 is the Sage Girls' Conference; an event planned by twenty-something girls for teenage girls. All girls in High school and Middle school are invited. Everyone who attends comes back raving about how awesome this event is. For Spring Break, we will be doing 3 days of service projects at the Woodlands then head to Six Flags over Texas in Arlington on Thursday. Disciple Now is April 23-25 at Rocky Creek Ranch again this year. Don't forget about our Bluebonnet Festival Ministry opportunities, giving away water, tracts and helping cleanup the town square afterwards.

On Wednesday nights our youth are studying worship, what it is and what it is not. According to the Bible, worship has more to do with living our lives in God's presence than anything else (Rom 12:1-2). Style of music, type of activity, the use of particular instruments, types of prayers and even posture all take a back seat to recognizing and responding to God's presence. Jesus says that the Father seeks those who worship Him in Spirit (in the Holy Spirit and from the heart, not merely external action) and in truth (we worship God as He has revealed Himself, not as we wish). External actions (posture, singing and activities) can be aids in worship but are not in and of themselves worship. The presence of the Living God is what sets Christian worship apart from all other worship in the world. For all other religions, worship is monologue; our actions for the deity. Yet for the Christian we respond to the Father and He responds to us. Worship is dialogue, our response to the living God.



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Our web-site offers a small list of organizations helping in the Haiti Disaster Relief. You can select and donate on-line.

## PrayFast (Pray for a Soldier Team) Needs Some Prayer Warriors

The Ft. Hood Coordinator called to let us know our soldiers we have been praying for have returned from overseas and told us they will be deploying more soldiers soon. They asked us to take three (3) names each to pray for ....if you are interested, please pick up a form in the foyer, fill it out and drop in PrayFast box. Sign-up ends January 31. Contact Chick Wood, 756.2108, with any questions.

## Ladies Bible Study Begins February 1 at 6:00 p.m. Old Fellowship Hall

Experience a fresh explosion of faith in Beth Moore's "Believing God." Cost is \$16. Sign up today. See Lynda Guenther for details.

## Community Resource Centers 1016 Broadway, Marble Falls, TX

Tax-Aide and AARP to give FREE TAX Preparation to low income persons and seniors. They have professionally trained personnel on-site each Saturday from 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. beginning Jan. 30 to April 10. Please go prepared with your W-2, 1099, and last year's income tax forms plus social security cards for your children. They file E-File for rapid refunds. They are available to answer all your questions.



WE ARE SEEKING those who are interested in giving a devotional during the Saturday games. We need six (6) people each Saturday. If you are interested, please contact Jean Worrell at 512.355.2470.

**You CAN Make a Difference  
in a Child's Life**